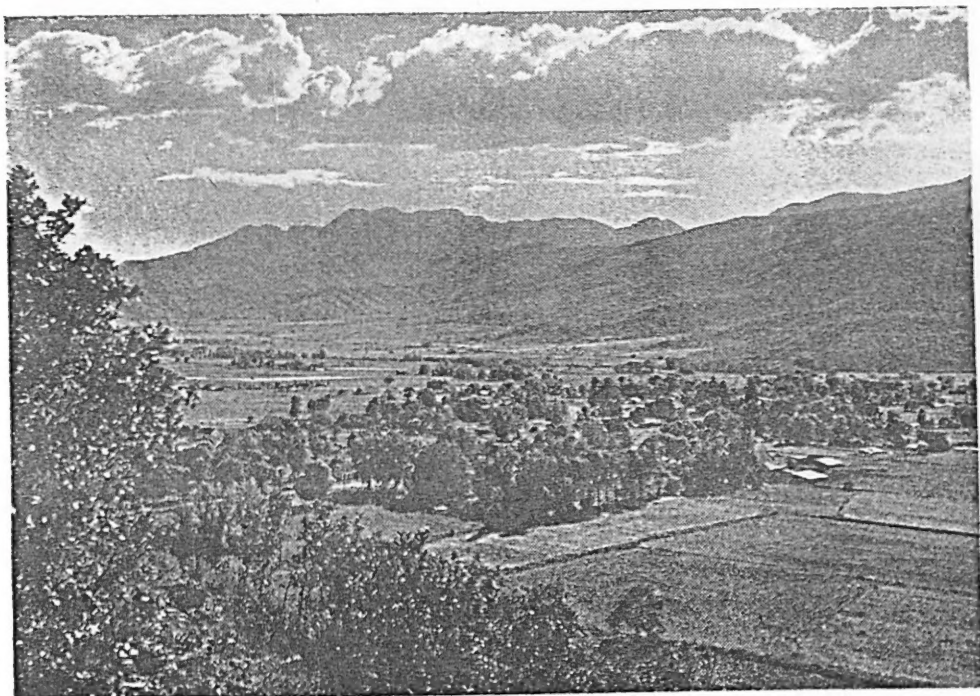


An artist's sketch by Bill Whitaker depicting the establishment of Fort Midway in 1866.

Lime kilns



terrain which slopes up and away from the river to the nearby mountains. The settlement at Heber was designed to take advantage of the water supplied by Lake



Midway and surrounding area

and Center Creeks on the eastern side of the valley.<sup>1</sup> At about the same time a number of settlers began work along Snake Creek on the west side. This was the beginning of what later came to be known as Midway.

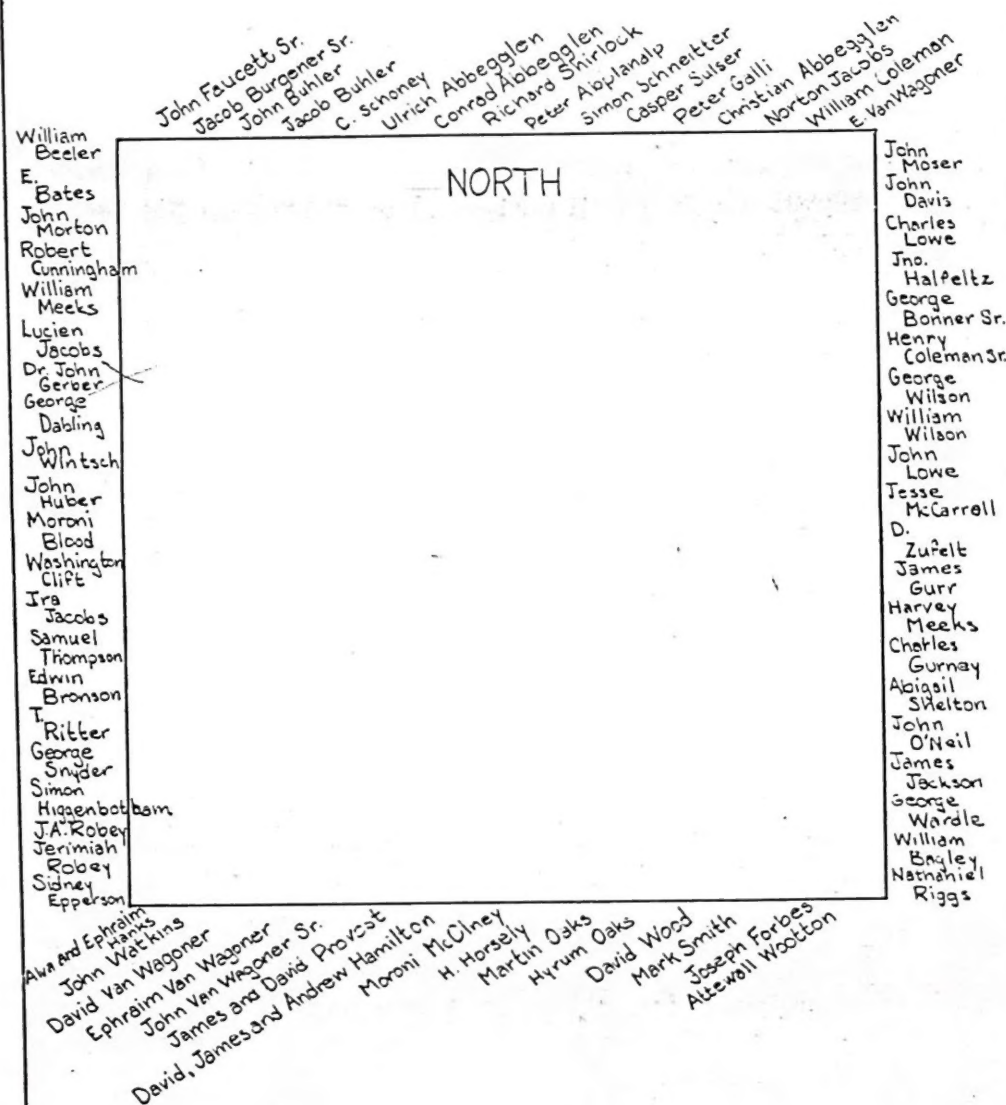
At first there was no localized settlement. In the summer of 1859 a group consisting of Jeremiah Robey, Sidney Epperson, Mark Smith, David Wood, Jesse McCarrell, and Edwin Bronson put a crop of grain on the choicest lands bordering Snake Creek.<sup>2</sup> This was followed by a period of cabin and corral building. Others

<sup>1</sup>John Crook, "A Statement of Securing the Water Rights of Heber City," (MSS in possession of Clark Crook, Heber Utah, 1889).

<sup>2</sup>Statement by Emily Coleman, personal interview, 1952.

## FORT MIDWAY

### FAMILY LOCATIONS



Fort Midway plan showing location of each family





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ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child

HUSBAND

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

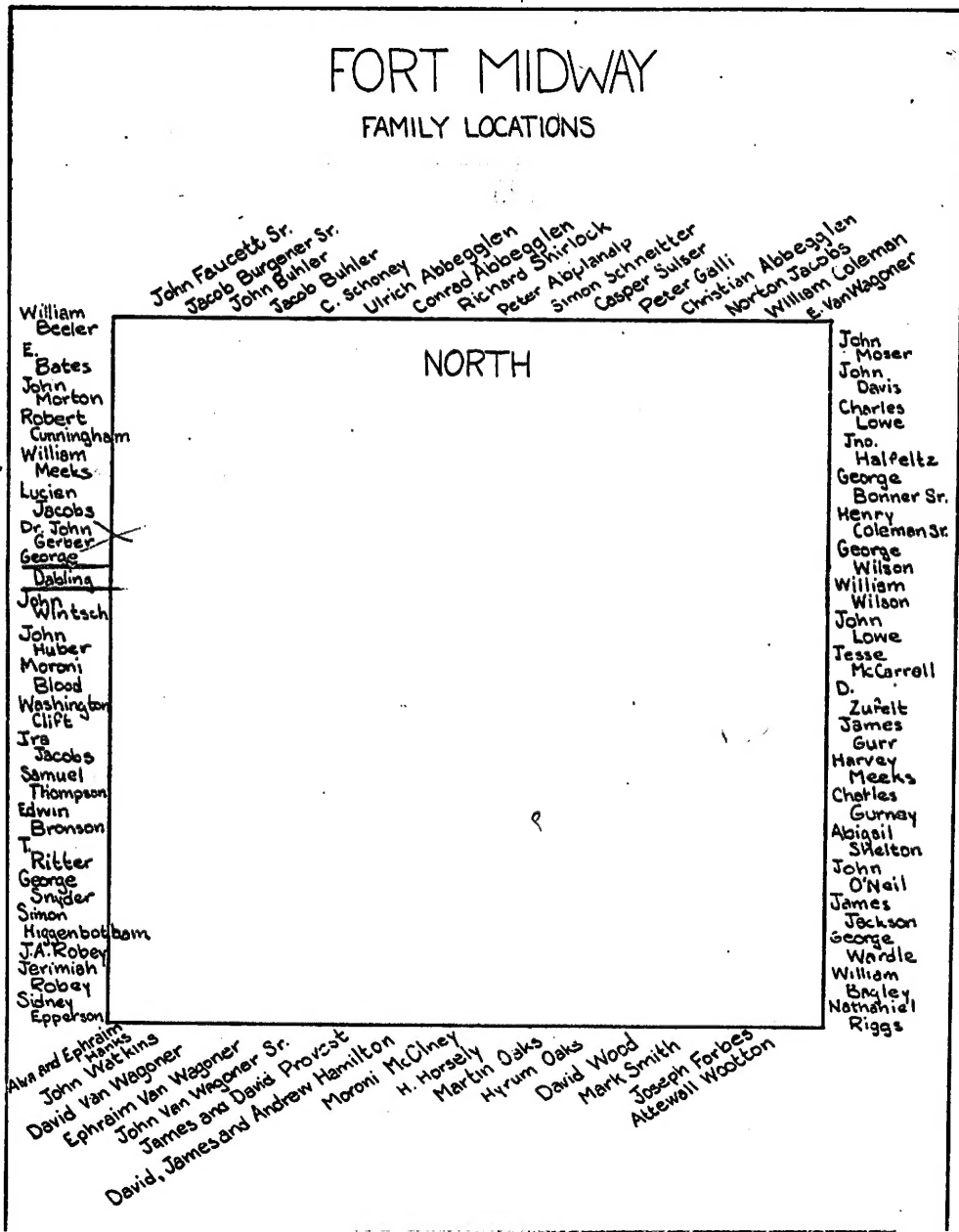
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Born \_\_\_\_\_  
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Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_  
WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

| SEX | CHILDREN  |   |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LATER VALLEY SETTLEMENTS



A sketch depicting the location of family homes in Fort Midway at its establishment.

Husband  
Wife

George DABLING

GEORGE DABLING AND ESTHER RICHMAN DABLING

George Dabbling, third son of Thomas and Ann Wilson Blankensop Dabbling, was born at Workop, Nottinghamshire, England, on October 4, 1824. He was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Limington, County of Warwick, England on July 20, 1850, the only member of his family to join the Latter-day Saints Church.

On the 9th of January, 1854, he married Esther Richman Dabbling in Sleaford, England. She was the daughter of Mathew and Elizabeth Tagg Richman and her birth date was April 7, 1823 in E. Moulton, Lincoln County, England. She was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pennyhill, Holbeach Lin. England on July 15, 1848.

They left Liverpool, England, on February 2, 1855 on the ship Sidons and arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 20, 1855. They lived in Warwick, Cecil County, Maryland, for several years. Their only daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born there on March 13, 1855. She died February 13, 1860, and Mrs. Dabbling's mother, Elizabeth Richman died in Warwick, Md., October 22, 1855.

Mr. and Mrs. Dabbling came to Utah in 1862. There is no family record of the company they traveled with or the route they took. It is known that Mrs. Dabbling's father, Mathew Richman, who was with them, died July 17, 1862 and is buried at Florence, Nebraska. They settled at Mound City, (Midway), where their only son, George Alfred Gordon Dabbling, was born July 20, 1864.

George Dabbling was a blacksmith by trade and his wife, Esther, was known as an excellent cook and a thrifty and prudent housekeeper. They were called to serve a mission in Arizona in 1876 and they lived in a United Order Colony there. Mr. Dabbling served as a blacksmith and butcher and Mrs. Dabbling supervised work in the kitchen and served also as midwife. They were released from this mission in 1877. They returned to Wasatch County, settling in Wallsburg.

He opened a blacksmith shop in Walls

burg, which he operated until his death on June 6, 1887. He was active in his church, serving as superintendent of Sunday School in Wallsburg Ward at the time of his death. He was a large, muscular man with a pleasant manner and a fine singing voice, well loved by his family and many friends.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Dabbling made her home with her only son, George A. C. Dabbling, and his family. He had married Ada Glenn, July 3, 1882, in Wallsburg. They had ten children. The family moved from Wallsburg to Provo in 1909.

Mrs. Dabbling lived the remainder of her life with her son's family, settling at Lund, Idaho, on a farm. She was well loved by all who knew her; a small woman, very neat and proper. Although she lived to be nearly 90 years old, her hair never turned gray. She died December 5, 1912, and is buried in the cemetery at Lund, Idaho.

See Midway Fort p 544 of ABHM.

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Mark Orgill



Mark Orgill

Fort Midway  
School inside fort

3 yr. old  
Raehle Jacobelle Smith  
midwife.

Hsk: Mark Orgill

Orgill's moved from  
midway fort to Iowa,  
then back to midway,  
then center creek, dipping,  
Nuphi, then to Daniels.



